



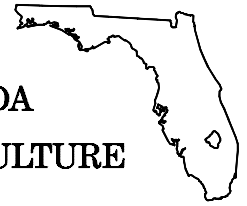
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# TROPICAL FRUIT

PRODUCTION AND VALUE

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## AVOCADO PRODUCTION AND VALUE

**FLORIDA:** Production of avocados fell almost 12 percent from the previous season to 920,000 bushels. The previous seasons' 1,040,000 bushels produced was the highest amount since the 1991-92 season. Damage to trees and their root systems from heavy rains in the fall limited production this season on several hundred acres.

Average prices received for fruit delivered to the packing house door was higher this season and, even with the reduced crop size, the total value received increased slightly.

**OTHER STATES:** California's crop was the largest in many seasons at 8,520,000 equivalent bushels. Prices received fell to \$36.50 per bushel with total value down slightly. The Hawaii crop size increased slightly with prices near the same. Total value increased slightly.

**FLORIDA AVOCADOS:** Bearing acreage, production, utilization, season average price, and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1992-93 through 2001-02

Season	Bearing acreage	Total production	Certified shipments	Local fresh use	Processing	Price per bushel	Value of production
	Acres		Bushels			Dollars	
1992-93	8,400	288,000	284,000	4,000	--	14.60	4,198,000
1993-94	5,800	176,000	175,000	1,000	--	20.50	3,608,000
1994-95	5,700	800,000	779,000	21,000	--	15.40	12,320,000
1995-96	5,800	760,000	744,000	16,000	--	14.90	11,324,000
1996-97	5,700	940,000	918,000	22,000	--	13.20	12,408,000
1997-98	5,900	960,000	938,000	22,000	--	14.60	14,016,000
1998-99	6,000	920,000	891,000	29,000	--	17.90	16,468,000
1999-00	5,900	880,000	843,000	37,000	--	18.70	16,456,000
2000-01	6,000	1,040,000	1,005,000	35,000	--	14.60	15,184,000
2001-02	5,900	920,000	891,000	29,000	--	16.90	15,548,000

**OTHER STATES' AVOCADOS:** Bearing acreage, production, season average price, and value of production at packing house door for selected years.

Season	Bearing acreage	Total production	Fresh shipments	Processing	Price per bushel	Value of production
	Acres		Bushels <sup>1/</sup>		Dollars	
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>						
1996-97	59,900	6,680,000	6,600,000	80,000	39.00	260,162,000
1997-98	59,900	6,160,000	6,100,000	60,000	42.75	263,473,000
1998-99	59,400	5,440,000	5,440,000	--	60.00	327,002,000
1999-00	59,000	6,440,000	6,440,000	--	52.75	339,594,000
2000-01	59,000	8,520,000	8,520,000	--	36.50	310,000,000
<b>HAWAII</b>						
1996-97	200	8,000	8,000	--	26.75	214,000
1997-98	250	10,000	10,000	--	26.50	265,000
1998-99	240	10,000	10,000	--	26.00	260,000
1999-00	230	12,000	12,000	--	30.00	360,000
2000-01	220	12,800	12,800	--	29.00	371,000

<sup>1/</sup> Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.

## MANGO PRODUCTION AND VALUE

Production and value of the mango crop is unavailable. Commercial shipments are very limited. Some mangoes are sold in specialty markets and as green fruit for processing. Total acreage has remained at 1,700 acres with some trees planted in the last few years.

### FLORIDA MANGOES: Acreage, production, season average price, and value of production at packing house door for crop years 1996 through 2001

Crop year	Acreage			Bearing trees	Production and value		
	Total	(4 years) Non-bearing	Bearing		Bushels <sup>1/</sup>	Price	Total value
		Acres		1,000 trees	1,000 bushels	Dollars	1,000 dollars
1996	1,800	300	1,500	144	100	15.00	1,500
1997	1,700	300	1,400	142	100	14.50	1,450
1998	NA	NA	1,400	139	NA	NA	NA
1999	NA	NA	1,400	142	NA	NA	NA
2000	1,700	0	1,700	165	NA	NA	NA
2001	1,700	0	1,700	165	NA	NA	NA

<sup>1/</sup> 55 pounds

## LEMON PRODUCTION AND ON-TREE VALUE

Lemon production increased to 85,000 boxes, the lowest amount in many years. Prices for fresh lemons were very low and limited the harvest. "True" lemon varieties are primarily shipped fresh, with some processed. All of the limited amount of Meyer were processed.

### FLORIDA LEMONS: Bearing acreage, production, season average on-tree prices and value for crop years 1996 through 2001

Season	True lemons			Meyer lemons			All lemons			
	Bearing acres	Production	Price per box	Bearing acres	Production	Price per box	Bearing acres	Production	Price per box	Value of production
		1,000 boxes	Dollars		1,000 boxes	Dollars		1,000 boxes	Dollars	1,000 dollars
1996	700	170	NA	100	25	NA	800	195	10.30	2,006
1997	800	80	NA	100	40	NA	900	120	7.00	839
1998	900	155	NA	100	80	NA	1,000	235	6.45	1,516
1999	950	140	NA	100	30	NA	1,050	170	1.20	201
2000	900	240	NA	100	25	NA	1,000	265	3.50	921
2001	800	68	NA	100	17	NA	900	85	3.50	299

## LIME PRODUCTION

Lime production fell to 240,000 bushels, the lowest in many seasons. Only about 800 acres remain as many trees have been pushed out because of citrus canker.

### FLORIDA LIMES: Utilization in bushels, 1996-97 through 2001-02 season

Season	Fresh use			Sold for processing	Total production
	Certified shipments	Local sales	Total fresh		
			Bushels		
1996-97	398,300	9,700	408,000	104,000	512,000
1997-98	510,400	17,600	528,000	176,000	704,000
1998-99	645,400	10,600	656,000	144,000	800,000
1999-00	774,200	25,800	800,000	160,000	960,000
2000-01	344,000	8,000	352,000	48,000	400,000
2001-02	195,600	4,400	200,000	40,000	240,000